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#### Plant rescue efforts

The demolition of the 14 houses along Lawton, Mason and Wright will proceed about mid-October. Many soldiers have indicated an interest in using some of the bushes and shrubs for their quarters.

The removal of these shrubs must be coordinated with the DIS forester, John Miller at 533-5701. They are only for the use of residents on Fort Huachuca

After the abatement and demolition process has started, these items will no longer be available to residents.

#### **Book adoption**

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools is beginning the process of adopting a new Social Studies Curriculum for the 2001/2002 school year.

To serve on the book adoption committee, call Marla Schoenfelder, by Wednesday, at 458-5082.

#### 59th MP anniversary

The 18th Military Police Detachment of Fort Huachuca invites the public to celebrate the 59th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps on Friday.

The day begins with a 4-mile Fun Run starting at Gosselin Barracks at 6 a.m. with formation and opening remarks at the Lower Garden Canyon picnic area at 9 a.m. A volleyball match begins at 9:30 a.m. pitting the PMO platoon against the Road platoon.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken will be served at 11 a.m. followed by a cake cutting ceremony and softball game.

Other activities include a Moon Bounce for the kids, football, horseshoes, dominoes and cards.

Losing teams for the volleyball and softball games will sing the MP Regimental March for the closing ceremonies at 2 p.m.

# 112th MI Brigade stands up

By Angela Moncur Scout Staff

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Provisional) conducted an activation ceremony Tuesday at Wren Arena.

Due to an unexpected thunderstorm, the ceremony was cut short after the uncasing of the 112th MI Bde. colors and a few brief words from Maj. Gen John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

"The reactivation of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade is a significant occasion because it accomplishes two goals," Thomas said.

Bringing the 112th MI Bde. colors from Fort Devons, Mass., signifies the complete consolidation of the MI school, and aligning the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion with the training mission.

The 304th and 306th Military Intelligence Battalions have been realigned and redesignated as the 112th MI Bde.(Provisional). The brigade is commanded by Col. Gary L. Parrish.

"I can think of no other more important Military Intelligence brigade in the

Army, and it is under just the right leadership," Thomas said.

No additional personnel will be authorized or assigned to Fort Huachuca to establish the 112th MI Bde. (Provisional). This realignment enhances mission capability.

The 112th MI Bde. has a long history. The unit was constituted May 10, 1946 as the 112th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment and was activated May 21, 1946 at Dallas, Texas.

The detachment was redesignated July 25, 1961 as the 112th Intelligence Corps Group and then again October 15, 1966 as the 112th Military Intelligence Group. The unit was inactivated June 30, 1974 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Redesignated July 1, 1987 as Headquarters, 112th MI Bde., the brigade was concurrently transferred to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and activated at Fort Devens, Mass. The 112th was inactivated January 1993 at Fort Devens, Mass.

The 36th Army Band, 304th MI Bn., 306th MI Bn., and the Fort Huachuca Honor Guard participated in the ceremony.

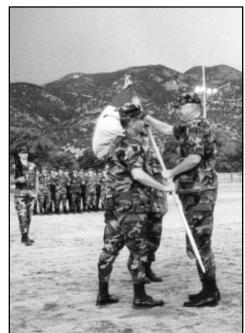


Photo by Angela Monc

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, USAIC&FH, passes the newly uncased colors of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade to Col. Gary L. Parrish, commander, 112th MI Bde.

### CPAC advises civilians of health benefits changes

By Stan Williamson Scout Staff

Federal employees have only a few days remaining to decide if they do not want to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Premium Conversion Plan.

In a CPAC message sent to "all users" Tuesday, employees were informed of the implementation of the HB-PC plan, starting with the first pay period in October.

"In keeping with the President's directive, the Office of Personnel Management will implement a 'premium conversion plan' for most enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program," the message stated.

Government employees here were told that by participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Premium Conversion Plan they will have, in effect, chosen to have their salary reduced and the amount of that reduction applied by their agency toward their FEHB premiums.

Since the participating employees will not receive the amount of the salary reduction, it will not be considered gross income for tax purposes.

For employees who participate in HB-PC, therefore, employment taxes will be reduced and they will take home more of their pay.

#### Participation is automatic

Employees who have FEHB premiums deducted from their pay, will be deemed to have elected to pay for their FEHB premiums with pre-tax dollars, unless they affirmatively waive participation in HB-PC.

According to the CPAC message, eligible employees, therefore, need take no action to participate in HB-PC and receive the pre-tax treatment of their FEHB deductions.

#### **HB-PC** effective date

Implementation of the HB-PC plan is effective with the first payroll period beginning on or after Oct. 1, 2000. For Fort Huachuca this date is Oct. 8.

#### Initial opportunity to waive participation

The waiver of participation in HB-PC for employees, who are on board on the effective date of HB-PC, must be received by the CPAC office before the pay period that begins Oct. 8.

The FEHB premiums deducted from the pay of these employees for the first pay period beginning on Oct. 8, must be on an after-tax basis. Any employee wishing to waive the HB-PC must go to the CPAC in Building 22320, Augur Avenue to sign a waiver form, before Oct. 5.

### Time gets short for absentee votes

By Daf Freudenberg Congressional Liaison

Many states require applications for absentee ballots to be postmarked well before the Nov. 7 Presidential election. Call your unit Voting Assistance Officer listed below.

Unit	VAO	<u>Phone</u>
111th MI Bde.HHC	CW2 Gascho/Staff Sgt. Stout	533-3969
309th MI Bn.	1st. Lt. Duran	533-6323
A/309th	2nd Lt. Hampton	533-9491
C/309th	1st Sgt. Golden/1st. Lt. Duran	533-6323
D/309th	1st Lt. Hatcher	533-6703
E/309th	2nd Lt. Vandran	533-6709
305th MI Bn.	CW2 Riggeal	538-6842
A/305th	CW4 Purvis	533-6229
B/305th	Staff Sgt. Osborn	538-7914
C/305th	Staff Sgt. Saffo	538-2706
D/305th	2nd Lt. Douglass	DSN 922-643
E/305th	CW3 Laliberte	538-2807
304th MI Bn.	1st Lt. Wellinghoff	533-2776
A/304th	1st Lt. Griffith	533-6577
B/304th	CW2 Wilkins	538-2808
C/304th	1st Lt. McGrew	533-6562
D/304th	2nd Lt. Hayes	533-5000
NCOA ANCOC	Sgt. 1st Class Burden	533-4218
NCOA BNCOC	Sgt. 1st Class Harmon	533-7080
306th MI Bn.	2nd Lt. Fernandez	533-2851
HQ Company	Capt. Cater	533-2357
18th MP Det.	Capt. Chambers	533-3434
36th Army Band	CW3 Lefrink	533-2515
A/306th	Capt. Baker	533-2590
Army Signal Cmd.	Sgt. 1st Class Lujan	538-0642
11th Signal Bde.	1st Lt. Hunt	533-1321
HHC	Sgt. 1st Class Polsgrove	533-1447
593rd	2nd Lt. Dean	533-2695
516th	2nd Lt. Tahtinen	533-2870
69th	Staff Sgt. Goodhart	533-1271
269th	2nd Lt. Stolarcek	533-5936
86th	1st Lt. Munro	533-5504
40th	1st It. Baker	533-2476
504th	1st Lt. Kurowski	533-0680
505th	Sgt. Snyder	533-3910
JITC	Ms. Morse	533-5410
INSCOM	Sgt. 1st Class Hill	533-2475
MEDDAC	1st Lt. Carozza	533-0661
EPG	Sgt. 1st Class Ward	538-0656
CSLA	Staff Sgt. Walling	538-8090
TEXCOM	Barbara King	533-7214
DENTAC	Sgt. Gearhart	533-5480

## Information needed for 2001 Thunder Mountaineer guide, telephone directory

By Stan Williamson Scout Staff

A letter sent to all organizations and activities on Fort Huachuca, dated Aug. 4, 2000, requested information to update the year 2001 Fort Huachuca Thunder Mountaineer Unofficial Guide and Telephone Directory.

mitting changes was Sept. 7.
To date, only the following units have responded:

The suspense date for sub-

— HHC, USASC Commander and First Sergeant

- 314 TRS
- USMC Detachment
- Defense Military Pay Office
- HHC, 111TH MI Bde.
- 305th MI Bn.
- 309th MI Bn.
- Army, Air Force Exchange Service
- HHC, Garrison
- USAOTC Intelligence Electronic
   Warfare Test Directorate

— U.S. Army CECOM Communications Security Logistics Activity

All commanders and directors are asked to review and update the information where necessary, in the year 2000 issue of the Thunder Mountaineer and Telephone Directory.

Copies are available from the Garrison Public Affairs Office, Building 21115. If additional copies are needed, call Staff Sgt.

Doing what's right, or keeping your mouth shut?

Johnny Portal at 533-3418.

There have been many changes over the last year in unit missions and realignments which are not reflected in the current issue of the unofficial guide.

Units that have made obvious changes in their daily operations are MEDDAC, U.S. Army Garrison, the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, and the Directorate

of Continuous Learning.

Most activities will need to have new photographs taken of their operations for this issue. A photographer has been contracted to take these photographs on a schedule to be established in October.

A listing of the types of photographs desired to represent your unit or activity must be included with the editorial changes are due to the Public Affairs Office as soon as you can submit them, but no later than close of business on Oct. 13.

Changes to the telephone directory must be sent to Shirley L. Michaud in DOIM. Her extension is 533-2931.

It is imperative that all activities submit their changes by the new suspense date, Oct. 13. Information received after that date will not be included in the 2001 issue of the Thunder Mountaineer Unofficial Guide and Telephone Directory. For information, call Stan Williamson at 533-1985.

## Connectary

#### By Sgt. Cullen James Scout Staff

SJA (Legal Assistance)

Last year there were a few changes to Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

1st Lt. Fellrath

The new changes authorized soldiers to wear the physical fitness uniform both on and off post while doing PT. They allow commercial backpacks, gym bags, etc. to be worn over the shoulder as long as they're all black with no logos.

Our battle dress uniform can be worn off-post except to establishments whose primary business is selling alcohol or during air travel, or if the commanders publish an exception to policy.

Women are also authorized to wear lipstick and fingernail polish in all uniforms as long as the color is con-

servative (the regulation specifically states that extreme colors such as purple, gold, blue and white will not be worn)

However the regulation cracked down on some other things. Tattoos were hit pretty hard. Visible tattoos or brands on the face, head or neck are prohibited.

Any type of tattoo or brand visible while wearing the Class A uniform is also prohibited, and any tattoo that denotes an alliance with an extremist organization, are offensive in nature or detract from a soldierly appearance are all unauthorized.

Also any large or series of large tattoos or brands that cover the majority of a limb, are prohibited.

The Army policy does state that under most circumstances, small, inconspicuous, or inoffensive tattoos or brands on areas of the body other than the face, neck or

head (i.e., ankle or hand) are not prohibited.

Piercings were also hit hard. The policy states: no attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the skin while in uniform, in civilian clothes while on duty, or in civilian clothes off duty on any military installation or other places under military control except for earrings for females as outlined in paragraph 1-14c, AR 670-1.

All this was put out in many post newspapers, via the chain of command, and through a variety of other methods. Any active-duty soldier should know the policies.

But driving through the Post Exchange parking lot, or walking through the post office, getting gas, going to

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### The Fort Hachra Scot.

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## Local blood donors urgently needed

American Red Cross release

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Arizona Region of American Red Cross Blood Services is asking all residents of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca again to give blood immediately because the community blood supply remains at low levels.

Healthy individuals, who are at least 17 years old (with parental permission) and weight at least 110 pounds, are encouraged to call the Red Cross to check if they are eligible to donate blood and to find out how easy it is to give blood and save lives.

Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (448-3543) to schedule an appointment and find out more about eligibility, especially as it relates to travel. Walk-ins are also welcome at local blood drives and in our Sierra Vista Donor Center. Donors should remember to eat a good meal and drink plenty of extra caffeine-free fluids two to four hours before donating.

"The demand for blood by hospitals continues to increase due to high patient usage in Tucson and some of our surrounding communities," said Kay Donohoe, American



Photo by Sqt., Cullen James

CHATS is a suite of counterintelligence hardware.

Red Cross director of recruitment and donor services. "This has been a long, tough summer for blood collections, and we need all eligible blood donors across southern Arizona to give blood now. We really must get the blood supplies up to ensure that we are able to keep meeting the needs of hospital patients."

According to local hospital lab personnel, the American Red Cross has responded quickly to their need for blood. "Recently we had a patient that was transfused with two units of Type 'O' Negative blood," said Filiberto Escalante, chief medical lab technologist for Sierra Vista Regional Health Center.

"Even though our emergency need happened on a Sunday, we knew we could cal the Red Cross and they would respond immediately. When we need the blood the American Red Cross is always there anytime, any day. They delivered additional units of blood so that we could replenish

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### Museum displays donated counterintelligence tools

By Tanja M. Linton Media Relations Officer

A Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Automated Tool Set was donated to the Army Intelligence Museum by the Office of the Program Manager for Intelligence Fusion, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

The CHATS is a suite of hardware designed to meet the unique requirements of CI/HUMINT teams operating in the field.

Operating up to the SECRET level and using the CI/ HUMINT all Source Integration System software suite, the system provides agents and IPW teams the capability to manage assets and analyze information collected through investigations, interrogations, collection and document exploitation.

The CHATS will be on display at the post's Army Intelligence Museum. The museum is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Soldiers should reopen **VEAP** account

Education Center release

Proposed legislation is currently being reviewed by congress that may affect soldiers with zero-balance VEAP accounts. Soldiers with a zero-balance VEAP accounts are strongly encouraged recontribute a minimum of \$25 to reopen their VEAP account.

Thousands of soldiers who have previously withdraw money from their Veterans Educational Assistance Program account should act now to ensure they retain the opportunity to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill.

Two legislative proposals, currently being reviewed by Congress, include changes that may affect soldiers with zero-balance VEAP accounts.

In the mid-80's, soldiers who opened a VEAP account were encouraged to withdraw their funds and deposit them into interest bearing accounts. They understood the contributions could be added back to the VEAP account prior to separation from active duty without penalty.

Time may be running out to reopen VEAP accounts before new legislation is passed. Army educators are strongly recommending all VEAP soldiers, who have a zero balance in their VEAP accounts, to visit the local finance office to reopen their suspended account.

The local finance offices, according to Army Regulation 621-202 4-7c & 4-8, have the authority to reopen a suspended VEAP account with a recommended \$25 minimum contribution.

The local finance office must confirm the soldiers initially opened a VEAP account during the VEAP era, which ran from Jan. 1, 1977 - June 30, 1985 or during the one open enrollment window from Oct. 29, 1986 -March 31, 1987.

Military members must be on active duty to take advantage of this opportunity to reopen their suspended VEAP account. Retirees and other veterans are ineligible to recontribute to their VEAP account.

more information, click www.perscom.army.mil/education.

## Commander's Hotline

## Sergeant first class raises concerns about new post drinking age

The following Commander's Hotline call was received concerning the Commanding General's decision to raise the drinking age on post to 21 and offers the viewpoint of a sergeant first class.

#### Call

I called to comment on the post raising the drinking age to 21. I have no problem with that, but what I do have a problem with is now the clubs are going to be off limits to those soldiers that are not 21 years of age.

Off post, they are allowed to enter those establishments with a tag or a stamp or something on their hand identifying them as being under the legal drinking age.

I don't see why we couldn't have the same policy on post, where the younger soldiers could enter the club

even though they are under 21 years of age. [The Fort Huachuca Scout] states that they will not be allowed to go in the club when it's a nightclub.

We should have the option where those soldiers under 21 could still enter the club, even though it's acting as a nightclub. They do enjoy the dancing and the music and things of that nature, even though they don't drink, and there are several soldiers that go to the club that don't drink.

So, I think the policy might need to be reconsidered. With the closing of the Ozone Club only the AIT students are affected, so that may not be as big of a problem as having the La Hacienda off-limits to those soldiers that are under 21.

#### Response

The following response was provided

by Dan Valle, director of Morale, Welfare Huachuca, and the U.S. Army Signal and Recreation and Heinz Steinmann, chief, Business Operations Division,

Thank you for your input concerning the new drinking age policy for Fort Huachuca. The new policy was established to bring Fort Huachuca in line with the state of Arizona increasing the drinking age for all active duty soldiers from 18 to 21 years of age.

The policy was implemented in the best interest of the military personnel concerned and supports the objective of enhancing the overall quality of life and safety for all personnel at Fort Huachuca.

The policy was endorsed by and has the support of all senior Fort Huachuca commanders/command sergeants major, as well as the two command groups (U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Command).

With regard to soldiers under 21 years of age not being allowed to enter a nightclub on Fort Huachuca, the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is exploring other opportunities for those soldiers.

The new opportunities should allow them to enjoy time off in an alcoholfree environment in facilities with new programming as well as the bowling center and other recreational facilities.

A request has been sent to the Community and Family Support Center for a team to visit Fort Huachuca to survey the present situation and to present opportunities for soldiers under the age of 21 in facilities and programming other than those in an alcoholic nightclub environment.

## AFCEA supports community with revenue from C4IST exhibition

AFCEA release

The Southern Arizona Chapter of AFCEA is again offering a World Class Technical Trade Exhibition to Fort Huachuca, Cochise County and surrounding areas. Everyone is invited.

This 18th annual Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Systems Technical Exhibition represents a significant effort from members of the local chapter.

This show is a realization the founders of AFCEA visualized in the beginning: bringing industry and defense together in an ethical forum that fosters an exchange

In this forum, the Defense Department can articulate their technology needs and the defense industry has an opportunity to demonstrate technical capabilities being developed that can potentially meet these

AFCEA provides support to the local community with revenue from the C4IST exhibition.

The Southern Arizona Chapter of AFCEA draws its members from active duty military, civil service, civilian contractors supporting Fort Huachuca, and a growing number of businesspersons from the local area.

The total chapter membership today is over 180 members, and with the annual membership drive ongoing now, the local Chapter hopes the membership will grow.

When first established, the majority of AFCEA members were part of the U. S. Army Signal Corps whose ranks heavily populated the boards and formed a partnership with industry.

However, times have changed and members now include representation from other Army branches, other services, the DoD civil service community, and a growing number of private organizations.

Having members from these organizations provides a unique forum that enhances the interchange of requirements and

technological advances in the Intelligence and communications fields.

Southern Arizona Chapter's major annual event is the Command, Control Communications and Computers and Intelligence Systems TechnologyExhibition. The C4IST is a major source of funding for the Chapter's local scholarship and grant programs.

Each year, the C4IST Exhibition has grown with more vendors participating and increased attendance. This year there will be well over 100 vendors participating.

Included with this annual event is a golf tournament, a keynote dinner, a VIP walkthrough and the exhibit in Barnes Field House which is open to the public for two days.

C4IST provides an opportunity for industry to display the latest in technology to the military, and local communities.

This year the C4IST, scheduled for October 3-5, focuses on recent technological advances in military intelligence and communications. The schedule for this year's exhibition is provided below:

**Tuesday** 

Booth/exhibitor set-up 8 a.m. 8 a.m. Golf Tournament, Mountain View Golf Course

Social/Keynote Dinner, 6 p.m. LakeSide Activity Centre

Speaker: Dr Michael Gentry, SES, Sr. Tech Dir., ASC

#### Wednesday

8 a.m. VIP Walk-Through, BFH 9 a.m. Ribbon Cutting, BFH 9 a.m. Open Exhibits, BFH Vendor and Executive 6 p.m. Reception, Windemere Hotel

#### Oct. 5

9 a.m. Open Exhibits, BFH **Exhibition Closes** 2 p.m. For additional information/registration click on www.laser-options.com.

### Bear Canyon project benefits wildlife, public

USDA Forest Service release

HEREFORD — Good habitat makes scenic landscapes. On the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest three fences built this past summer will help restore ten acres of fragile riparian habitat in Bear

The three exclosures were built to protect wildlife and improve riparian habitat, according to Tom Deecken, district wildlife biologist. Over the past ten years, vehicle use in the riparian area compacted soils in the fragile eco-

Now, thanks to a grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Program and to Forest Service funding, fences will allow vegetation to recover and provide better protection of the water umbrel and longfin dace, a sensitive native plant and fish.

Construction of two parking lots outside the fragile areas means better public access to the popular local destination. Vehicles now have a place to park making it easier to stop and enjoy the scenery and nearby creeks and streams. Signs posted in English and Spanish on site explain the importance and benefit the project brings to improved forest health.

The upper parking lot provides access to Lone Mountain Canyon in the Miller Peak Wilderness area along a



Armando Arvizu, forestry technician, Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest posts signs in English and Spanish at the Bear Canyon exclosure project site.

former road that skirts one exclosure.

Bear Canyon in the southeast portion of of the Huachuca Mountains lies south of Forest Road 61 (Montezuma Pass), the road from Coronado Memorial to Parker Canyon Lake. Access to Wakefield Mine and Upper Bear Canyon is still available over FR 4772 (Wakefield Mine Road).

### Committee establishes countywide children's choir

Cochise Children's Choir release

An advisory committee met to inaugurate a new countywide children's choir.

ers Association, the group includes choral leaders Roger Bayes, Lois Andersen, Teresa Jurek and Richard Zoller.

In addition, the choral director of the proposed choir, Jill Brown and accompanist Vicki Cooper, are ex offi-

> The choir is open to both boys and girls with "unchanged voices" ages 8 to 14 years. An audition

for singers is scheduled for November.

Partially supported by Cochise College, the choir aims to "provide children and young people in Cochise County with the opportunity to learn and perform choral music of the highest quality, grow personally in musical knowledge and skill, and to develop teamwork, discipline and responsibility."

The group's mission statement explains the choir's long-term goal "is to instill within the choristers a love of music and a desire to participate in music throughout their lives, as members of performing groups, as listeners, as parents and as supporters of the arts."

More information regarding auditions, location of rehearsals and the program are being finalized and will be announced soon.

The next meeting of the advisory committee is 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church.

### Native American fundraiser set for Oct. 7

RCWCCT release

TUCSON, Ariz. — The second Traditional Native American Indian Feast and Fundraiser for the Native American scholarship program, sponsored by Reservation Creation Women's Circle Charitable Trust, will be held Oct. 7 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the San Xavier Plaza, Tucson, Ariz. The event is open to the public.

Join in a unique gathering at this revered Native American cultural and historic architectural site and enjoy the evening's feast under the stars in the San Xavier Plaza's majestic setting.

At 5:30 p.m., Tasogid g Jewed will provide a private tour of the San Xavier Mission from a Native American's perspective.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a reception and silent auction. The evening dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with a blessing ceremony followed by traditional Indian foods of wild rice, salmon, buffalo, Indian tamales, vegetables, cholla bud salad, prickly pear juice and dessert.

Aztec, Hoop Dancer and Native American musicians will share their rich culture with dinner guests.

Part of the evening's festivities will feature designs of Tohono Oodham fashion designer Floyd Francisco. Artist designer Francisco studies in New York City at the prestigious, internationally known Fashion Institute of Technology.

His exciting fashion designs are a result of uniquely combining traditional Native American designs with contemporary high style.

Seating is limited at the San Xavier Plaza. Purchase tickets early. Individual price in advance \$40 and at the door \$50. Ticket price for a couple in advance \$70 and at the door \$90.

Tickets can be purchased at Reservation Creations Gift Shop in San Xavier Plaza or call (520) 295-1350. Check, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For more information about the feast and contributing to the scholarship program, call (520) 622-4900.

Led by Karen Stahl, president, Cochise Music Teach-

cio members.

## 11th Signal Brigade

## Command recognizes lifesaving firemen, neighbor with honors

By Stan Williamson Scout Staff

Three Firemen/Emergency Medical Technicians were recognized Wednesday by Col. Michael Boardman, garrison commander, representing Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, for their role on Aug. 18 in saving the life of a 15-month-old baby.

Kaitlya M. Venuti, the daughter of Sgt. Jeremy L. and Heather M. Venuti of Head-quarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade, was found unconscious in a backyard child's swimming pool by neighbors, Sherri Martin and Mrs. Venuti, when they noticed Kaila Venuti, 3, trying to pull the baby from the pool by its diaper.

Both women were seated only a few feet away from the pool. They rushed to the pool and Martin lifted the infant from the water and immediately began mouth to mouth rescue breathing, while another neighbor called 911.

Martin received her CPR training from the American Red Cross Chapter in Santa Clara Valley, Calif. She has also completed the Red Cross training program for Emergency Medical Technician, and the Army Community Service's Family Child Care training course.

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians from the fort's Fire Station No. 2, arrived within minutes of the 911 call and found the baby was still blue. They took over the rescue operation, inserting a breathing tube to clear the baby's airway. While continuing to administer rescue breathing, the firemen/EMTs, Lt. Peter Bidegain, Engineer Ron Castro and Val Robles, transported the still unconscious infant to the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center by ambulance.

In route to the hospital, running on "Code Three," the child regained consciousness once, but stopped breathing a second time. EMTs began rescue breating again. On arrival at SVRHC, the baby again regained consciousness. The baby was kept overnight at the hospital for observation and testing, and is at home and doing well.

Boardman presented each of the firemen/EMTs with a Department of the Army Certificate of Commendation to recognize their quick thinking and dedication to detail" in saving the child's life. The colonel also presented each man a



Photo by Stan Williamso

Firemen/EMTs (from left) Lt. Peter Bidegain, Engineer Ron Castro and Val Robles accept T-shirts and patches from the United Firefighters of Tucson, from Assistant Fire Chief Dan Clark.

Commander's Coin from Maj. Gen. Thomas and the Garrison Commander's Coin, and a on-the-spot cash award. Assistant Fire Chief Dan Clark gave them T-shirts and patches from the United Firefighters of Tucson.

On Friday, Maj. Gen. William H. Russ, commander, Army Signal Command, presented Sherri Martin with the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service medal and also presented Kaila with a special Community Hero medal.



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Maj. Gen. William H. Russ, commander, Army Signal Command, presents Sherri Martin (center) with the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service medal for her lifesaving efforts on Aug. 18.

Paul Goetz, a firefighter with the Fort's Fire Department, presented Martin with a plaque and Kaila with a teddy bear. Goetz said he would have to begin training people in the future to pull children out of swimming pools using Kaila's patented "diaper drag."

Jim Chambers, deputy garrison commander, presented both Martin and Kaila with a Commander's Coin of Excellence on behalf of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr.

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## Grijalva — U.S. Army scout and Mexican-American pioneer

By Jim Finley Post Historian

Early in the history of the U.S. Army in the American Southwest, the military relied upon civilian scouts who were residents of the area and familiar with the terrain.

When the Apache campaigning began, these scouts added some other crucial qualifications to their job description. They must know the ways and haunts of the ever-elusive Indians. And they must possess uncommon courage and daring.

One man was eminently qualified—Merejildo Grijalva. (He was also known as Merejildo Sanches, Marijildo Bryalba, and Berriguildi in historic manuscripts.)

He was born in Sonora, Mexico, some 60 miles south of Naco, Arizona, in about 1840 of Opata Indian parents. His parents were ranch hands on a Spanish hacienda. His boyhood was marked by continuous and bitter fighting between the Chiricahua Apaches and the Mexican citizens in the lightly defended northern provinces.

It was on one of those Apache raids on March 9, 1849, that his life would take a sudden and unexpected new direction. Nine-year-old Merejildo was taken captive, along with a brother and probably several other family members, by Apache warriors led by Miguel Narbona. The burning village and seven murdered men and five women in their wake, the Indians headed for their homelands in the southern Chiricahua Mountains.

It was a common practice for the Apaches to take children captive to eventually become, after they had proven their trust-worthiness and warrior qualities, members of the band. Merejildo, called by his captors "El Chivero," or the "Goat Herder," became a part of Narbona's and then Cochise's extended family.

Tutored in the military art of the Apaches, Merejildo became Cochise's interpreter and probably performed that function for him in 1858 when the chief met with Americans at a newly constructed stage station at Stein's Peak. It was in this capacity that Merejildo met Indian Agent Michael Steck, a former Army contract surgeon, who parleyed with Cochise in Apache Pass in 1858.

Steck was reportedly impressed with the intelligence of the 18-year-old and offered him a job. Merejildo was not in a position to take him up on the offer until conditions for escape from Cochise's band was more propitious. He did that about a year later when Cochise was not present.

His motives for defecting to the Americans are not known. Various unreliable stories say he was angry because of the murder of relatives by the Apaches, or that an Apache had stolen his girlfriend. He may just have been disaffected with the Apache lifestyle. In any case, he took the Butterfield Stage to Mesilla where he was met by Steck and from there to the abandoned Fort Thorn on the Rio Grande River where Steck maintained his agency offices.

Relations with the Chiricahuas were deteriorating quickly after attacks by miners on an Apache camp in December 1860 and the Bascom Affair in February 1861. The all-out warfare which would ensue would provide the opportunity for Merejildo Grijalva to earn the reputation as the bravest and most efficient of scouts for the U.S. Army during the 1860s and early 1870s.

His first job was at Fort West, established by Brig. Gen. James Carleton, commanding U.S. troops in New Mexico and Arizona. There he made \$35 per month as a scout, along with Juan Arroyo and Felippe Gonzales, more experienced men who earned \$75 per month. He learned the scouting trade

from these men in the tough campaigning that followed.

When Fort West was closed in December 1863, Grijalva transferred to Fort Bowie in January 1864 where he would come into his own as a scout. After all, he was in the heartland of the Chiricahua Apaches where he had roamed for the last ten years of his life with Cochise.

As part of General Carleton's stepped up campaign against the Apaches, Grijalva went on dozens of patrols out of Fort Bowie in the ensuing months. Most were led by Capt. Thomas T. Tidball and they had varying success. When they did make contact with the hostiles, it was because of Grijalva's personal knowledge of favorite Apache campsites. Tidball wrote:

"To insure success, however, at least two good scouts are necessary. Berriguildi [Merejildo] is thoroughly acquainted with these mountains, and perfectly familiar with the habits of these Indians; but he is constitutionally timid and knowing as he does the terrible fate awaiting him if ever captured by the Apaches, he will not venture out of sight of the soldiers—or, if compelled to go, his statements cannot be relied upon, as he allows his fears to overcome his judgement and his regard for the truth."

Grijalva was 24 years old at the time Tidball penned those uncomplimentary remarks. And it is not hard to understand his reluctance to put himself within reach of those who were by now his avowed enemies. Nor is it beyond possibility that he might have friends among those to whom he was leading a deadly force. He would grow out of his timidity quickly.

This was the only time anyone would say anything not wholly praiseworthy about the scout. His success rate in track-

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## Community Updates

#### **CFC** seeks personal stories

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will be Monday - Oct. 30. Each year, millions of people, thousands of them being federal employees, are helped by the charitable organizations that receive contributions through CFC.

This year we are currently seeking individuals that have been personally helped through the services provided by a CFC supported charity. Such charities include the United Way, Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Food Bank, to name a few.

If you have a personal story that you would like to share, please contact the CFC Coordinator at 538-6919 or e-mail melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil.

#### **DOIM classes set**

The Directorate of Information Management is sponsoring the following computer courses for the month of October: Monday, Basic Structure and Design; Tuesday, Delrina FormFlow; Wednesday, Basic Microsoft Access; Oct. 5, Intermediate MS Access; and Oct. 6, Advanced MS Access. The following week Basic Microsoft Excel is set for Oct. 11 with Advanced MS Excel on Oct. 12. The month ends with MS PowerPoint, Oct. 16; Basic HTML, Oct. 18; Microsoft Outlook, Oct. 19; Microsoft Project, Oct. 20; and Microsoft Word, Oct. 26.

These courses are free and are offered to all active duty/reserve military personnel and their spouses, civilians and contractors employed on Fort Huachuca. For more information, call the Spc. Justin Capos at 533-2868.

#### **Production Control changes**

Production Control will be closed Friday due to a Quarter Master Organizational Day.

Production Control will be excepting only 03 priority parts and 03 work orders Monday through Wednesday due to a 100 percent inventory of SSL stock. For questions or comments, call Sgt. 1st Class Fye at 533-6608 or Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sallee at 533-6601.

#### **Giving Tree rummage sale**

A Giving Tree Tailgate Rummage Sale is set for Saturday from 6-11 a.m, in the Main Post Exchange parking lot. A \$5 donation is requested for each vendor space. Bring all your old treasures, purchase a space, put up an umbrella and have some fun in the parking lot while you support the Giving Tree.

For more information, call Deborah Williams at 803-7776, or Jo Moore at 533-5559.

#### Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of

Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on Saturday for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

#### Officer development

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Command and General Staff Officers' Course are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes start in October and will be held one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including: both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average; workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students; fewer written requirements and examinations; professional and structured learning environment; and instructor support.

For enrollment information, call Rick Meador at 538-5099 or 456-8977.

#### **Pumpkin Festival**

Celebrate fall at the 15th Annual Hunsdon Farms, Inc. Pumpkin Festival every Saturday and Sunday in October. Bring the family and enjoy cutting your own pumpkins.

This year's theme is "2000 Years of Farming: who were the first farmers in Arizona?" See displays and learn about the Hohokam Indians. Hayrides are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities include youpick and we-pick vegetables and produce, roasted sweet corn, kettle corn, and jams and jellies.

Located in the Sulphur Springs Valley at an elevation of 4500 feet just north of Willcox, they are open everyday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., June through October.

From Tucson take I-10 east to exit 340, turn left onto Fort Grant Road and travel 13 miles north and turn left on Williams Road. For more information, call 1-800-351-6698.

#### Got news?

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office is sponsoring a Stringer Course to train the post's military and civilian employees on successfully providing command information to The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper and the Public Affairs Office.

Commands, directorates and partners interested in getting the news out on post and to local communities are encouraged to send representatives.

Topics covered during the course include the elements of news, feature writing, military etiquette, hometown news releases, sports writing, photo composition, radio options, stylebook highlights, local television, interviewing techniques

and community relations.

The Stringer Course is set for 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 5 in the Quality Training Center, Classroom 4 (off Christy Avenue). There is no cost for the course. Civilians providing a completed DD Form 1556 will obtain training credit. Military will receive a certificate of completion at the close of the course.

For reservations, call Ginny Sciarrino at 533-1285 by close of business Monday. Seating is limited.

#### Water outage

There will be a water outage on Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This outage is necessary in order to replace three fire hydrants. Areas affected will be Meyer Street between H Avenue and Rucker; 111 A-B Rucker, 113 A-F Rucker, and the school bus facility (Buildings 47108 and 47109).

Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth and trouble-free project and the Directorate of Installation Support appreciates your cooperation and patience during this project. Flyers will be distributed to occupants to further notify them of this outage. For information, call Tom Borer at 533-1442.

#### **MAC luncheon set**

The Military Affairs Committee luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the LakeSide Activity Centre. The guest speaker is Chuck Potucek, Sierra Vista City Manager. His presentation includes a city update.

Cost is \$8 for the buffet lunch. Luncheon begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

#### **Green to Gold**

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" Briefing, 11 a.m. to noon on Oct. 6 at the Fort Huachuca Education Center, Building 52104.

#### BRT announces 6th season

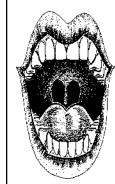
"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" will open BRT's sixth season on Oct. 6. Season tickets are \$56 for seven entries to any of the main season or summer productions. Tickets are available from BRT at P.O. Box 504, Bisbee, AZ 85603. For information, call 432-3786.

#### Lions Club flea market

The Sierra Vista La Salida Del Sol Lions Club will be holding a "white lion" sale on Oct. 7 at the Lions Flea Market from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring your donations to the Lions shed or call for pick-up of large items. All items left over will be donated to a non-profit organization.

For more information, call Lee Hinzman at 378-1399. In Huachuca City call Art at 456-9033.

#### Health-Wise Tip



- Ignore them and they'll go away (Your Teeth)
  - See Pg. 177
     in the
     Healthwise
     Handbook

TRICARE PRIME: For more tips and a FREE Over-the-Counter pharmacy card attend the Healthwise/Put Prevention Into Practice Class any Thursday @ 1300 at Murr Community Center. For more information contact Lillie Christian at 533-2246.

#### Trash pickup change

In observance of Columbus Day, Oct. 9, the post refuse collection contractor will adjust the pickup schedule as follows. Occupants with a regular pickup on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. Tuesday's route, Oct. 10, will be picked up on Wednesday.

Post pickup of dumpsters and roll-offs normally emptied on Monday will either be dumped on Tuesday or Wednesday. Questions concerning refuse service may be directed to the contract inspector at 533-3574.

#### **Commissary closed**

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Oct. 10 due to the Columbus Day holiday on Oct. 9.

Due to the major forest fires this summer, the commissary will discontinue use of paper bags after the current supply is exhausted. Plastic bags will be used in the future

#### Veterans' benefits briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff will sponsor Veterans' Affairs Benefits Briefings at the ACAP Center, Building 22420, 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 1.

Representatives from the Phoenix VA Regional Office and the Tucson Veterans' Center will be present to provide information about all VA benefits. No reservations necessary. For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

#### Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans prefer-

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ence, and the types of civil service appointments. The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained in detail.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

#### Craft vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for Col. Johnston Elementary School's Christmas Craft Bazaar fund-raiser Nov. 4 at Johnston's school cafeteria.

The bazaar is searching for vendors of homemade crafts — no commercial or food item vendors please. Vendors may purchase a six-foot table for \$10. Johnston will not charge any percentage of the vendor's sales at the bazaar.

Application forms/contracts may be picked up at Johnston Elementary School outside the office, and deadline for registration/paying of fees is Oct. 15. For more information, call 459-4297 or 458-0713.

#### **Major promotion board**

Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene on or about Oct. 24 to consider Judge Advocate General's Corps captains for promotion to major.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, Feb. 28, 1994 and earlier; Promotion Zone, March 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; and Below the Zone, April 1, 1995 through Nov. 30, 1995.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Oct. 17. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29.

Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted. For information, call Mrs. Velazquez at 533-3267.

#### Saturday testing

The Army Education Center will offer Saturday testing on Oct. 21 and Nov 18. See an Army Education counselor for an appointment slip no later than two days prior to the test date. For information, call Marilyn Copeland at 533-1701.

#### **Harvest Fest planned**

A Harvest Fest is planned for Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel Activity Room. This is a family event to celebrate what God has done for us this year and what He will do for us in the upcoming year.

Dress up in a favorite biblical charactor or animal and come enjoy games, crafts, and projects. Refreshment and fellowship will be provided. All costs are covered by the Main Post Chapel.

For information, call Kristine at 458-7986. Everyone is welcome.

#### **OCS Board set**

The next installation OCS Interview Board is scheduled to convene Nov. 15-17 at Murr Community Center (Roadrunner Conference Room) starting at 8 a.m. daily. Applications must be received by the Adjutant General Directorate by Nov. 6.

All applications must be in an original and three copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For information, call is Sgt. Newell at 533-1705 or 533-1706.

#### **DELTA Forces recruits**

A 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-DELTA (Airborne) Briefing Team from Fort Bragg, N.C. will discuss qualifications and application procedures to military personnel.

The briefing will be at the Murr Community Center (Buffalo Ballroom), 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, Nov. 6 through Nov. 8. For information, call Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705 or 533-1706.

# **Medical Activity Command**

September is National Cholesterol Education Month

## Learn about nutrition, exercise to improve health

By Kathy Archer, LPN and 1st Lt. Ronna Winn, R.D. RWBAHC

September is National Cholesterol Education Month, making this an ideal time to learn about nutrition and regular exercise that will improve your health and quality of life.

Why is cholesterol so important that a whole month is dedicated to educating the public about it?

Cholesterol is a serious problem. It is one of the major risk factors for heart disease — our nation's number one cause of death.

Each year, more than 500,000 Americans die from heart disease. The amazing fact is that perhaps some of those deaths could have been avoided.

Heart disease is a preventable disease. Information to prevent and control it is available in enormous amounts on the Internet, non-profit agencies such as the American Heart Association or your providers at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

A diet high in saturated fat (animal, coconut and palm oil sources) and cholesterol are known to increase the risk of developing heart disease.

Other factors, such as genetics, obesity, lack of exercise and tobacco use are also known to contribute to the development of the disease.

Yet, despite this knowledge, thousands of Americans continue to die from heart disease every year. Why is this so?

Unfortunately, instead of using the information available, many Americans ignore the risk factors and continue to select poor food choices, overeat, lead a sedentary lifestyle and smoke.

Instead of becoming another statistic, use the information and resources available and decrease your risks for developing heart disease. Start today.

Because high blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease, take the first step by increasing your understanding of cholesterol and its impact on your health.

Your primary care provider can order a simple lab test to check your total cholesterol level as well as the ratio between "good" and "bad" cholesterol in your blood. With a baseline assessment like this, your provider can determine what kind of risk you are at and provide guidelines on what actions you should take.

In support of National Cholesterol Education Month, the Nutrition Care Division and Community Health Nursing of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center will offer free cholesterol screenings.

The screening will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday Sept.29 at the Post Exchange.

You can also check out the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org to do a quick quiz to determine your risk for developing heart disease.

## Leasing an automobile — JAG warns buyer beware

By 1st Lt. Robert A. Fellrath Legal Assistance Attorney

Many soldiers who are trying to buy a car face credit problems or can't be approved for a loan. As an alternative, auto dealerships often suggest that soldiers lease instead.

Leasing is a process similar to buying, but the soldier essentially rents the car for a set period of time. At the end of the lease period, typically two or three years, the soldier returns the car to the dealership, though that soldier usually has the option to purchase the car for a reduced price at the end of the lease.

For the typical soldier, leasing is not a good alternative to buying a car for several reasons. First, if the soldier buys the

car at the end of the lease, the entire purchase is usually much more expensive than if he or she had simply bought the car and arranged for financing.

Second, the entire time that the soldier pays on the lease, he or she is not acquiring ownership interest in the car. The payments are only for the use of the car that still belongs to the auto company.

Third, and most importantly, with very few exceptions, most leases do not allow the soldier to take the car out of the country.

The Legal Assistance Office has seen numerous clients who have leased cars and then received orders to serve overseas. Few auto dealers will mention the fact that the lease specifically prohibits the soldiers from taking the cars out of the country.

A few clients have told us that dealers have lied to them when they were entering into the lease agreements and told them that they could take their vehicles out of the country. Other leases say that the soldier needs the auto company's written permission to take the car out of the country.

Do not accept a dealer's assurance that the auto company will grant you permission to take the car outside the country. Most auto companies do not permit soldiers to take leased cars overseas.

If a soldier decides to lease a car, he or she should check the lease agreement for any language prohibiting him or her from taking the car overseas. This is usually in small print on the back on the lease.

If the lease says that the soldier needs written permission, the soldier should not sign the lease until the dealer has called the auto company and found out what they need to do in order to get that permission.

If the dealer promises that the soldier can take the car overseas, ask them to put it in writing. If they won't do that, then the soldier should look elsewhere for a car.

Remember Murphy's Rule of Autoleasing for Soldiers: If a soldier signs a automobile lease agreement that does not permit him or her to take the car outside of the country, that soldier will soon receive orders to go overseas.

## School News

# Johnston students prepare for fair

FH Accommodation Schools release

First, second and third grade students are busy preparing for the Cochise County Fair. Frank Bell's third graders and Stephanie Buros' first graders are teaming for a cooking project on Wednesday, while other grades are doing art work and compositions.

There will be a field trip to Douglas on Friday so students can see what other schools in the county are doing

Friday at 1p.m. will be our **first school wide assembly.** Karen Nieto, behavior coach, has an exciting lineup of guests and presentations to wind up our "Bully Proofing" Theme.

Second and third grade basketball got off to a wonderful start last week. The focus includes sportsmanship, attitude, teamwork, and responsibility as well as drills and skills.

The school is fortunate to have volunteers like Joe Smith, Gloria Daniels, Carl Coss, and Melissa Wallace who donate their time and expertise to our students.

Jim Wolfe has started his **after-school Title I math classes.** Contact your child's teacher if you feel this program would be of benefit to them.

James Thomas coordinates the Student of the Week program.

Student's of the Week for this week are: Monique Dahlum, Joseph McGeachy, Susan Hansen, Malcolm McCullum, Emilie Douglas, Malcolm Spears, Emilio Pedroza, Mark Winter, Sean Thompson, Alex Bromley, Anthony McDonald, Fred Pagan, Spencer Williams, Chelsea Boother, Dominique Pandy and Anthony Johnson.

Johnston Book Fair grossed over \$1600.00. Janice Walter, librarian, and Jennifer Moxley, library aide, thanked all parents, students and teachers that helped make this Book Fair a success.

This money translates into more library books and supplies for the students.

During library first graders are **learning about the author**, **Don Freeman**. They are busy making "Cordouroy" Bears. These "masterpieces" will be displayed on the wall just outside the library door.

Evelyn Williams, retired teacher, continues to volunteer many hours and much expertise to our students and our library to promote reading.

Last year she was instrumental in securing a visit from author Larry Dane Brimner. She is working on a visitation from another children's author for this year.

At Col. Johnston the first graders were presented with an exciting activity called **Mother Goose Games.** 

This fun activity was present by Evelyn Williams with the assistance of the third graders. The first grade students were able to act out these popular traditional American Mother Goose Rhymes and have a lot of fun as they were learning.

For example, in the activity of Hickory, Dickory, Dock the students went up the ladder to set the clock to one o'clock and then came down as a mouse.

In another activity, the students had to carry an egg on a spoon to Humpty Dumpties wall and drop it into a bowl on the other side of the wall.

This activity was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the participants and the parents who donated cookies for the final activity.



WWFS photo

"Wettie the Waterdrop" makes a classroom appearance at Val Quarto's fifth grade class.

## Myer elementary students are 'Water Wise'

WWES release

Val Quarto's fifth grade class at General Myer Elementary School recently completed a series of six Water Wise lessons with the help of Ginger Maxey, Energy and Water Conservation Educator for Fort Huachuca.

The students learned about the water cycle, groundwater, water quality, the interrelationship of organisms

in a water-based environment, water history, and water conservation. The Water Wise lessons helped Quarto fulfill her objectives for meeting Arizona State Educational Standards in Math, Science and Language Arts.

"Wettie the Waterdrop" made a classroom appearance at the Water Wise graduation ceremony and gave each student a "Water Wise and Energy Smart" water bottle with a congratulatory handshake.

### DoD schools director reflects on accomplishments

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The interim director of DoD schools is finishing up his one-year term and said it's been a year he's proud of.

Since September 1999, Ray Tollesn has been working to decentralize the Department of Defense Education Activity here. He believes his efforts are paying off.

"We've assigned people who were previously reporting directly to Washington as close to the areas and the districts as we could," he said in a recent American Forces Information Service interview. "The resources will be more readily available for people to solve their problems in a much quicker fashion."

Tolleson is convinced decentralizing can only help the more than 112,000 students in the DoD system, both in the United States and abroad. "If you take the resources that you currently have in the headquarters and move them closer to the schools, you're going to end up with more people to meet the needs of kids," he said.

"You could increase reading specialists; you could add additional counselors and psychologists; or you could increase the number of offerings in a high school."

A former public school administrator in California, Tolleson was named interim director in September 1999. He'll step down in September or October, after officials have named a successor.

Other efforts Tolleson has spearheaded include a spousal hiring provision. A rule change in April 2000 allowed for spouses of military members to have "first priority

for employment in positions for which they're qualified," he said.

He's also proud of "opening up the system" to make it more accountable. "For the first time we have a budget book that is understandable to the public," Tolleson said. Officials have also developed a video explaining the budget that local schools can show parents, and they have placed more information about the budget on the system's Internet homepage.

Tolleson's greatest challenge has been dealing with a worldwide system. Within DoDEA, time and distance are barriers. "It's a 14- to 16-hour time difference from here to the Pacific, and six to eight hours to Europe. Communication is a lot more difficult."

A student body that turns over every two to three years poses another problem. "You can't just say something one time and assume everybody knows," he said. "You have to make a conscious effort to say things over and over to make sure the newcomers have the same information as people who have been here a while."

The outgoing director said he's most appreciated the support from parents throughout the system. "We have a great system. I'm particularly appreciative of the parents' involvement and the military's involvement in helping us reach our goal of providing quality education for military children. Without them we couldn't do it," he said. "I think if you look at what it takes to educate a child, we couldn't do it ourselves. And parents have really stepped up and made that happen."

The DoD schools website is <u>www.odedodea.edu</u>.

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ing Apaches in the years to come would speak for itself. At over the edge of the fissure, held his revolver against the head the head of the bluecoats, he seriously hurt Cochise's Chiricahuas, surprising them time and again in heretofore impenetrable lairs.

In June 1866 Grijalva was transferred to "the new post on the upper San Pedro," or Camp Wallen. He may have been requested by name by Wallen's new commander, Capt. William H. Brown. Camp Wallen, on Babocomari Creek just north of present-day Fort Huachuca, was established to check Apache movements around the Huachuca Mountains.

A significant skirmish took place in December 1866 when Grijalva scouted for a 35-man patrol out of Wallen commanded by Lieut. William Henry Winters. They were looking for a small band of raiders who had attacked a party near Canelo Hills, killing two men and wounding another. One of the soldiers was Sgt. John Spring, a friend of Grijalva and a lively diarist. He set down that tense moment when the enemy that they had been tracking for days was spotted.

"[Grijalva] was riding about fifty yards ahead of the column, and had just ascended a small knoll on foot, when all at once he stopped, stepped back, and held up his hand as a sign for us to stop. Then he descended somewhat from his high position and made signs to Lt. Winters to join him. They both crawled together to the top of the hill, where they lay down flat and looked towards the mountains, using Winter's field glass. They saw a feeble column of smoke ascending from a grassy plateau in front of the large canyon. ...Grijalva said it would be useless to approach them from where we were, as they would be sure to see us. ...He proposed to lead us into another parallel canyon in which we could ascend to a high ground unseen [and] cut off the Indian's retreat."

The plan worked and the troopers got within 200 yards and let loose a volley that wounded one Indian and sent the other two scrambling up the mountainside where they were cut off and dispatched. The wounded man took cover in an arroyo and answered the soldier's fire with arrows. He slightly wounded one man and two horses before Grijalva took charge of the situation. "Like a monkey he swiftly crawled down

of the Apache, and dispatched him."

John Hand was unsparing in his praise for his friend.

"Grijalva was an excellent guide, knew all that country perfectly, even to the most hidden watering places...and was an expert trailer of tracks; he also knew the wiles and stratagems of the Apaches, and would never have allowed his party to enter into a cul-de-sac or canyon where the soldiers might have been annihilated...or where their exit might have been cut off.... His eyesight was almost marvelous in that respect."

On another occasion a Grijalva-led scouting party surprised a band of Apaches in the Chiricahuas. It was the morning of June 21, 1867 when they raced into the enemy rancheria, but their exhausted horses did not carry them into the fray fast enough and all but three Indians escaped up the mountain. Grijalva and the men followed as far as was prudent. The Apaches paused long enough to shout down taunts.

According to Sgt. Spring, they were "insulting us by voice and gestures of the most indecent description. The former Apache captive Grijalva was the special target of their ha-

The scout, realizing the folly of getting drawn too far from their horses, persuaded the lieutenant to call off the footrace. It was the right move. Just in time they returned to encounter some Indians that had doubled back to stampede their ani-

Lt. Edward J. Harrington, leading the patrol, wrote to his superiors that "the modest success of this expedition must be attributed to the unflagging energy and skill of our guide, Merejildo Grijalva, and to the faithfulness and efficiency of the men."

In February 1868 Capt. Brown at Camp Wallen received orders from the Department of California that were distressing. Due to budget cuts, he was to discharge Grijalva. The commander tried unsuccessfully to convince headquarters otherwise.

"If the services of the guide cannot be retained it will be

impossible for the Post Commander to comply with Paragraph 6, General Orders Number 31, from Division Headquarters dated October 12, 1867, which refers to keeping the troops actively employed against hostile Indians. It should be well known that without the services of a guide in this country it would be an impossibility for a command to move any distance in the mountains and more especially at night.

"There is no man who is more thoroughly familiar with the East and Southeast portion of this Territory than the present guide, Merejildo Grijalva, who I am directed to discharge.... He is a good interpreter, speaking Apache, Spanish, and English at all times anxious to hunt Indians which is not the case with the generality of Mexican guides. In short, twenty soldiers could be more readily spared from the command [than] this guide."

The scout was not discharged but transferred to Sub District headquarters at Fort Lowell near Tucson on March 13, 1868. By this time he had married Rosa Cortez, a native of Chinapa, Sonora, who had also spent 12 years as an Apache prisoner. After one child died in infancy, the Grijalva's adopted two Apache children in the 1880s.

In the ensuing years Grijalva would serve at Fort Grant, accompany Indian Agent John Clum to Washington, D.C., with a delegation of Arizona Indians, and be called out of retirement from time to time to act as interpreter and scout when the Indians fled the reservation. In between bouts of working on his own ranch and for other ranchers, he served with the U.S. Army, the last time as Chief of Scouts at San Carlos Indian Reservation in 1887. He died of tuberculosis on April 5, 1912, at his ranch in Solomonville.

Historian Edwin R. Sweeney summed his fascinating account of this man this way. With his death "...Arizona lost one of its earliest pioneers: a man who performed valuable and dangerous services for his adopted country, and a man ultimately respected by both Apaches and whites—a rare circumstance indeed." Captain John Bourke simply put it this way: "[Merejildo Grijalva] had seen about as much hard work as a man cares to see in a lifetime."

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the gym, or any number of other activities on post, you can see any number of soldiers directly in violation of the regulation.

Why is this? Are these soldiers simply ignoring the regulations? It's hard to believe they don't know them. What I think has happened is that the "on-the-spot" correction crew has become a little lax.

I am guilty of this. I said earlier that I've seen soldiers violating these policies, but I could probably count on the fingers of one hand how many times I've actually said something.

It's difficult — you kind of ostracize yourself when you do say something, but at the same time there's a small ping of guilt for not having said something.

So, what's the right answer? Well the Army says to do what's right legally and morally. Whether facing physical, moral or emotional hardships, the tenants of integrity remain. You might not want to hurt someone's feelings or put yourself in an uncomfortable situation, but we're required to.

If we see something wrong — something we know is wrong — then by the tenants of the organization to which we've signed our allegiance (the Army) we have to point out when someone is wrong.

We don't have to embarrass anyone, nor do we have to make a spectacle of it. A simple, "You're wrong because ..." after pulling them aside will work.

Our appearance, in and out of uniform, stands for more than just who we are. It stands for the entire Army. Let's help keep it a good one.

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our inventory to be ready to meet future emergency needs."

According to the American Red Cross, the amount of blood used by hospital patients varies greatly. "A liver transplant patient or trauma-shock patient for example, can use as much as 30, 60 or even 100 units [pints] of blood in a matter of a few hours," said Arizona Region Red Cross Spokesperson, Beverly Gomez Arriaga. "This is just one example of how rapidly blood supplies can drop."

According to Dr. Diane Eklund, medical director for the Arizona Region, federal donation guidelines to protect the safety of the blood supply have become increasingly stringent, further depleting an already dwindling blood donor base. "As we shoot for a sager and safer blood supply, eligiblity requirements are being implemented that are disqualifying some regular blood donors," said Eklund. "If there are any major trauma needs, like you see in auto injuries and in victims of violent crimes, we may not have enough blood to meet those needs."

Donors have the opportunity to donate both at Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista Blood Center. The Center hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday, noon to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment call the Sierra Vista Blood Center at 458-4858.

At Fort Huachuca there will be drives held at JITC, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, 60 donors are needed. To schedule an appointment for any of the Fort Huachuca blood drives, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE LIFE.